

AGN. NO.____

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH**

JUNE 30, 2015

CEO ANALYSIS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING MOTIONS AND FUNDING

In recent years, the Board of Supervisors (Board) has called attention to the egregious crime of human trafficking, which can be categorized into two forms: labor trafficking and sex trafficking. The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a particularly onerous form of sex trafficking that has compelled the Board to fund programs and work with the State Legislature to increase penalties for perpetrators. Several Los Angeles County departments have been involved in raising awareness, delivering training, and providing services for CSEC victims, many of whom are in foster care or involved in the juvenile justice system.

As a result of heightened attention to this issue, three motions that address human trafficking and CSEC were scheduled for the June 16, 2015 meeting of the Board and continued to the June 30, 2015 meeting. The motions are summarized below:

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MOTION

SOLIS	_____
RIDLEY-THOMAS	_____
KUEHL	_____
KNABE	_____
ANTONOVICH	_____

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1. Motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Michael D. Antonovich to create a Countywide Human Trafficking Taskforce to serve as a centralized unit and coordinating body for all human trafficking related issues;
2. Motion by Supervisors Don Knabe and Hilda Solis to create a unified operational model to administer and oversee programs and services for commercially sexually exploited children; and
3. Motion by Supervisor Don Knabe to explore options to refresh, rebrand, and expand the Safe House Program to additional County facilities for use by commercially sexually exploited children.

A fourth motion, introduced by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Hilda Solis on April 14, 2015, proposed the transfer of \$6,738,000 of Healthier Communities, Stronger Families and Thriving Children (HST) funds from the Chief Executive Office's budget to the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) budget to support services, program interventions, and recovery solutions for CSEC.

Each motion requires the Interim Chief Executive Officer to convene multiple County departments, obtain and synthesize feedback, and report back within 45 days on findings, feasibility, structure, planning, and timelines. Moreover, there is considerable redundancy among the motions. There is a need to consolidate and streamline the Board's efforts to effectively combat CSEC.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Review and analyze each of the motions referenced above collectively and report back in writing in 45 days with recommendations on the feasibility, structure, planning, and timelines of each motion's proposed actions; staffing levels for each County department that will be involved; and how best to engage in a unified effort, including the incorporation of existing work groups and task forces into one collaborative entity; and
2. Perform a written assessment, also due within 45 days, of the proposed Healthier Communities, Stronger Families and Thriving Children funding recommendations and include a delineation of one-time versus ongoing funding obligations.

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